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# McDowell lashes Hays on leak cry

Rep. Harris B. McDowell Jr. suggested last night that a fellow Democratic congressman accused him of breaching U.S. security merely to spark his own re-election campaign in Ohio.

Meanwhile the Ohio congressman, Rep. Wayne L. Hayes, repeated his charge that McDowell had given away secret information about U.S. intelligence operations in discussing at a press conference in Wilmington Wednesday Red China's recent explosion of a nuclear device.

Hayes described himself as "horrified" when he heard that McDowell had stated at the conference that American satellites photographed minute details of the atom test site in Sinkiang Province. Hays said the information originated in a secret briefing by Secretary of State Dean Rusk Tuesday, which both he and McDowell attended.

CONTACTED LAST night in Seaford, where he was making a campaign appearance, McDowell insisted that "I revealed no secrets in the recent Hotel du Pont news conference. I merely reviewed the official State Department reaction to recent world developments.

"In what has become the controversial part of my comments," McDowell said, "I made it quite clear that I was giving my personal opinions based on widely printed news accounts."

"In my years of experience, I am fully aware of my responsibility to break no confidences of the executive branch. My press conference remarks reflected nothing more than my own evaluation of the situation and revealed no confidences."

McDOWELL described Hays as "somewhat of an iconoclast in the House," who has "said worse things about the late President Kennedy."

"However, I regret that, whatever his personal campaign problems are, he should inject my name into his race," McDowell said.

Aides to McDowell observed that the same information he had referred in his comments on the Chinese A-blast has appeared in a number of newspapers, and was presented in even greater detail in this week's issue of Newsweek magazine, which came out before the press conference.

INTERVIEWED by telephone at a campaign stop in his Ohio district, Hays said he had leveled the attack at McDowell because "I just think it's time that all these security leaks stopped."

Hayes said that when Rusk came to describing details of how the United States kept such accurate track of Red Chinese nuclear activities, in the briefing stenographers and other employees to leave the room.

"It's gotten so that you can't have a secret meeting of the House Foreign Affairs Committee any more without picking up the newspaper the next day and reading everything that went on," he said.

Hayes added, "The Chinese Communists would have paid a lot to know how we got all that information."

A NUMBER of congressmen have divulged information given to the committee in secret, Hays said, but declined to name other individuals.

"A few years ago," Hays said, "I was all enthused about setting up a congressional committee to supervise the Central Intelligence Agency. Now I think that if we had one, many of the CIA secrets would leak out."

At his press conference Wednesday, McDowell stated that American satellites had covered Chinese territory so well that U.S. intelligence even had photographs of the tower from which the Chinese nuclear device was detonated last week.

McDOWELL LATER told a newsman that he referred to telecommunication satellites, such as the type used to bounce television pictures to the United States from Tokyo.

A State Department press officer asked for comment on McDowell's statement and Hayes' charge said, "Our intelligence comes to us in a variety of ways I will not elaborate upon." He added, "We do not comment on remarks the Secretary of State may make in classified briefings such as this one was."

MEANWHILE yesterday, James H. Snowden, McDowell's

Republican opponent in his campaign for re-election, seized on the issue and accused McDowell of "irresponsible bungling in an attempt to bolster his slipping position" in this election campaign.

McDowell, he charged, is "issuing desperation news releases in an attempt to cover up his record of ineptness on the lack of constructive efforts at home."

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